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TAGS: FAIR, PINS, RP

SUBJECT: EXPLOSION ON PHILIPPINE AIRLINES DOMESTIC FLIGHT

REF: A. STATE 133031; B. MANILA 7667

1. PAL SAFETY OFFICER, PETRONILO DANGOY, SUPPLIED EMBASSY WITH COPY OF TRANSCRIPT OF INTERROGATION OF PILOT AS WELL AS REPORT TO AIRCRAFT OPERATORS ASSOCIATION. IN ADDITION TO THESE, EMBASSY SENDING BY POUCH COPY OF DIAGRAM FROM BAC111 MAINTENANCE MANUAL SHOWING AREA WHERE BOMB IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN PLACED.

2. OTHER REQUESTS REF A WILL BE SUPPLIED WHEN AVAILABLE. AT PRESENT INVESTIGATION AS TO NATURE OF BOMB HAS NOT BEEN CONCLUDED AND WHILE PAL HAS SOME PHOTOGRAPHS BUT, THEY ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE SATISFACTORY AND OTHERS ARE BEING PROCESSED.

3. ACCORDING DANGOY PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL AT TIME OF DETONATION WAS SEVEN DECIMAL POINT FIVE PSI.

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4. PAL IS ALSO HAVING A COPY OF FLIGHT RECORDING PREPARED

WHICH AIRLINE MAY WISH FAA ASSISTANCE TO INTERPRET.
ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY CHARTS DRAWN FROM FLIGHT RECORDING,
AT TIME OF DETONATION PLANE ROSE 2,000 FEET AT RATE OF
6,400 FEET PER MINUTE. HOWEVER, VG CHART WHICH RECORDS G FORCE
IS NEGATIVE.

5. AS FOR NATURE OF EXPLOSION AS INDICATED IN AOA REPORT
THERE ARE NITRATE TRACES AND SHRAPNEL MARKS IN AREA WHERE
EXPLOSION ASSUMED TO HAVE OCCURRED.

6. THERE WAS A BODY DISCOVERED IN GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF
AND TWO DAYS AFTER OCCURRENCE WHICH CONTAINED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS.
PERSON WAS MANIFESTED ON FLIGHT. OFFICIALS BELIEVE PERSON
WAS IN LAVATORY AT TIME OF EXPLOSION. WHILE THERE IS
CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE, SUCH AS FACT THAT PERSON WAS
HEAVILY INSURED, HE HAD TWICE ATTEMPTED SUICIDE AND WAS
HAVING PERSONAL FINANCIAL PROBLEMS, OFFICIALS NOT YET
READY TO SAY THAT HE WAS CULPRIT.

7. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE POLITICAL REASON FOR INCIDENT ONLY
PERSONS OF POLITICAL PROMINENCE ON PLANE WERE TWO MEMBERS
OF EDRALIN FAMILY (MATERNAL SIDE OF PRESIDENT'S FAMILY)
AND A PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AUDITOR.

8. BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION HAS ENGINEER ON SCENE
TO LOOK INTO INCIDENT AND EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO GET
FROM HIM ANY ADDITIONAL MATERIAL HE MAY BE ABLE TO
DEVELOP.

9. WILL FORWARD RESPONSES TO OTHER REQUESTS AS AVAILABLE.
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